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|   | First Named Inventor                     | Jones            |                        |
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An Ocean Bottom Seismic  
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Please insert the following two paragraphs in place of the first paragraph on page 6 of the specification.

Any number of MOBS instruments can be deployed at one time from a survey vessel or surface support ship. As shown in Figure 4, the MOBS are independently controlled so that they can propel themselves or swim using fins 14. The MOBS swim in formation or

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